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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of:)
U.S. Patent No. 5,476,414)
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Serial No.: T/B/A)
Filed: Concurrently herewith)
For: POLISHING APPARATUS)

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Sir:

REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175

We, Masayoshi Hirose, residing in Tokyo, Japan; Manabu Tsujimura, residing in Tokyo, Japan; Seiji Ishikawa, residing in Tokyo, Japan; Naoto Kimura, residing in Tokyo, Japan; and You Ishii, residing in Tokyo, Japan, do hereby state and declare that:

1. We believe we are the original joint inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,476,414 granted on December 19, 1995, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled "POLISHING APPARATUS." This declaration is being filed concurrently with the reissue application.

2. We claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to Japanese application 4-279344 filed on September 24, 1992, and Japanese applications 4-285366 and 4-285367, both filed on September 30, 1992.

3. We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

4. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

5. We verily believe that U.S. Patent 5,476,414 is inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than we had the right to claim in the patent.

6. Claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent 5,476,414 claimed less than we had a right to claim in that independent claim 12 recites a polishing apparatus comprising a combination of features including a top ring holder, a plurality of retaining members extending through the top ring holder and a plurality of springs between the top ring holder and retaining members, while our invention is not so limited. This error is being relied upon as the basis for reissue. This error arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants.

7. All other errors being corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants.

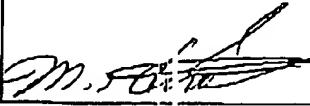
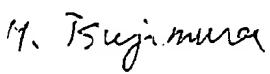
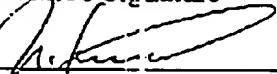
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